

Message from the Editor

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Dear colleagues and collaborators,

Ever since it was adopted as a quality landmark for scientific journals, the concept of impact factor has been continuously under debate. Although the discussion is still unfinished, many aspects of our professional activity as scientist are frequently dependent on impact factors.

Individual cites to articles published in this Journal are monitored by Scopus and by Scholar Google and can be revised at any time. Based on the cite tracking service kept by Scopus, we calculated the current value of the Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología impact factor for the volumes published in 2002, 2003 and 2004, being 0.26, 0.4 and 0.4, respectively. These values are comparable with those of other international journals of the area.

In order to increase the value of our impact factor we have performed some considerations. First, we decided to keep our policy of open access providing authors with the widest audience possible. The page costs of this journal remain low compared with other publications; this is only possible by the generous sponsorship of the Asociación Mexicana de Microbiología through its President, Dr. Ahidé López Merino. Additionally, and thanks to the new abstracting service Scholar Google, now all articles published from 2005 to date link directly to the publisher's web-site allowing direct download. Finally, our long-established commitment for quality is enhanced by the new image designed by our publisher, Medigraphic.

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